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Request to Consider the Discontinuance of International Trade

- 1. A request to discontinue the project for organizing intra-Bloc trade information through the International Trade Register has been received from the Chief, Ferrous Metals Branch with the indorsement of the Chief, Materials Division. A copy of this memorandum is attached.
- 2. Furnishing the International Trade Register function for the Materials and Industrial Divisions has been conditioned upon their previous evidences of interest in the receipt of this information. The information furnished to these divisions is not required for the execution of the trade and finance missions in this Division. Continuation of this function was reviewed last in the last quarter of 1954 at which time all of the branches queried including the Ferrous Metals Branch, indicated that the Trade Register material should be continued for some additional period.
- 3. We are anxious to discontinue this function if it is no longer useful to the Industrial and Materials Divisions. We suggest that a brief meeting be held between the interested parties in these Divisions on 20 February 1956 at which time this matter will be discussed and a full report made to you of the decision reached at this meeting.

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